

CAMBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS WITH OUTDOOR COOKING

Effective November 1, 2008

- Maximum capacity of LP Gas allowed **without** a permit is 42 pounds.
- Maximum allowed size LP Gas cylinder for each cooking unit shall not exceed 42-pound capacity. **NO** spare cylinders are allowed and **NO** cylinder changes are allowed during the event. **One cylinder on site per unit, per day only. No exceptions!**
- Cooking units that require larger capacity cylinders for proper operation may be allowed provided, however, that the vendor obtains a permit from the fire department **prior** to the event.
- Prior to special events the Fire Department and an Inspectional Services Plumbing and Gas Inspector will inspect each cooking unit for compliance. Large-scale events may require additional requirements or restrictions.
- All cylinders must be properly secured so they cannot tip over or be easily accessed by the public. **Cylinders must have quick fit disconnect fittings.** Cylinders must be equipped with an OPD Over Pressurization Device. **There are no exceptions to this provision!**
- All cylinders must have a Massachusetts State Fire Marshal approved valve plug and legibly marked with approved DOT labels for LP Gas cylinders. Cylinders must be less than 12 years old.
- Each cooking unit must have a minimum of one, properly operating 20 B, C rated fire extinguisher within 5 feet of the unit. A current inspection tag must be attached.

- Charcoal cooking units must have a properly operating 2-½ gallon water extinguisher within 5 feet of the unit. (If possible a charged garden hose is also recommended)
- No cooking is allowed under tents. A tent may cover the unit from weather elements as long as it covers the unit only, and people do not have to go under the tent to procure food.
- No portable heaters are allowed under tents. If a tent must be heated, indirect heating may be allowed. For example, a force-fed hot air heating unit with an exterior power source.
- Mobile kitchens, catering vehicles and trailers must meet DOT and NFPA 58 standards.
- LP Gas cylinders shall be rejected if there is evidence of exposure to fire, bad gouges, dents or excessive corrosion. If there is suspicion of a leaking cylinder it will be shut down immediately.
- In closely crowded situations a separation must be maintained between vendors according to direction from the fire department.
- The storage of spare LP Gas cylinders in parked vehicles is forbidden. It is the responsibility of the vendor to bring a full cylinder to the event. Failure to properly plan does not absolve the vendor from compliance with these regulations.
- Generators may be powered only by diesel fuel or propane.
- All propane cylinders in use (cooking or generators) must have quick disconnect fittings.
- Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the shutting down and/or removal of the equipment from the event site.